IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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in re application: Brown et al.

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For: Method, System, and Product for

Alleviating Router Congestion

Group Art Unit: 2665

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.